
**PLANT SOIL
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DEPARTMENT**



Announcement of Final Oral Examination/Seminar - M.S. Degree

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Crop & Soil Sciences -Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology

M.S. Degree

Monday, August 16, 2021, at 2:00 PM

Candidate's Name: **Melissa Winchester**

Title of Thesis: Response to Early Generation Selection for Stripe Rust and Fusarium Head Blight Resistance in Winter Wheat Breeding Populations

Zoom:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/7670983026?pwd=dERocXpHbWNQMk9RcEs2NDBrK2NEdz09>

Meeting ID: 7670983026

Passcode: wheat

Announcements

When requesting keys or access please use the links below.

➤ **Keys: CIPS, PBL, and PSSB**

Key Authorization Form [Key Authorization Form](#)

➤ **Building Access: CIPS, PBL, and PSSB**

Building Access Form [Building Access Form](#)

➤ **Autoclave Room Access: PSSB**

Autoclave Access Form [Autoclave Access Form](#)

Soil Spectroscopy CSS893-302 Fall 2021 1 Credit

This special topics class is intended for graduate students wishing to gain a better understanding of soil spectroscopy. The class will meet 2 hours weekly for 10 weeks. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for additional information.

Predatory Publishers

ARS had a webinar about predatory journals and publishers which was led by staff from the National Agriculture Library. **Linda Hanson** is working on getting a copy of the recording to share with others in our department. In the meantime, they recommended <https://thinkchecksubmit.org/> as a resource for researchers to help identify reasonable places to publish. They also recommended some of the work from <https://www.interacademies.org/project/predatorypublishing>.

Announcements

Together Again Checklist for Faculty and Staff

IPF and MSU IT have worked diligently to prepare campus workplaces and buildings as more faculty, staff and students return to campus. There are a few ways you can help ensure we're ready. **By submitting a service request**, you can help us return stronger, faster.

Common Workplace Facility Issues

- Lighting, light fixtures not working
- Pest, nuisance presence in office spaces
- Heating, cooling and other HVAC concerns
- Clean departmental coffee makers, appliances
- Missing, misplaced trash or recycling receptacles
- Submit Maintenance-related and custodial issues to IPF at ipf.msu.edu

Common Technology and Network Issues

- Phone and communication device issues
- Workstation devices and printer issues
- Connecting computers and devices to Wi-Fi
- Connecting to classroom and conference room tech
- Login issues or account access problems
- Submit Information Technology issues to MSU IT at tech.msu.edu/support/help

For more information on MSU's return to campus go to msu.edu/together-we-will (Please see the flyer attached to this week's newsletter.)

IPF Building Notice - HVAC Shutdown

- **Where?** PSSB
- **What is happening and why?** Fan 2B will be shutdown in order to repair the bearing that is failing
- **When will this occur?** From 6:00 AM-4:00 PM on Tuesday, August 10th
- **How will this impact me?** During this shutdown, occupants may notice a change in temperatures and ventilation will be affected.
- **What do I need to do?** Special Precautions: Please remove all hazardous materials and close sashes in all fume hoods during this time.
- **Questions?** Contact **Mike Ouderkirk**, Skilled Trades Supervisor at 517-899-9279, ouderki1@msu.edu, or call IPF at 517-353-1760

Career Services Network Virtual Workshops

Summer Session Two

Career Advising Help Rooms: Resume and Cover Letter, Search Strategies
August 18, 3:00-5:00 PM

Virtual Career Fair Prep
August 16, 4:00-5:00 PM

Career Services Network Virtual Workshops

Summer Session Two

Interviewing: In-Person, Video, AI
August 17, 2:00-3:00 PM

Visit Handshake (msu.joinhandshake.com) and click **events** to register and receive a Zoom link for each workshop

Accommodations: If you anticipate needing an accommodation to participate in a Career Services program or activity, or have questions about accessibility, please contact Career Services ahead of time at 517-355-9510 or email CareerServices@csp.msu.edu.

Professional Development

Writing Policies & Procedures

August 19 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 13 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

It can be challenging to write policies and procedures in clear terms that can be understood by all. This course will address proven strategies to make this task easier and share methods for creating easy to understand resources.

Records Management & Retention at MS

August 25 from 1:15-3:30 PM

Learn the rules, regulations and strategies to help manage university records. Class will cover both electronic and print documents. Bring questions and scenarios to ensure your unit is in compliance with administrative and legal records management requirements.

Conflict Management

August 30 from 1:00-5:00 PM

Using the Vistelar Confidence in Conflict: 12-Step Playbook, we address the entire spectrum of human conflict, from non-escalation (preventing conflict) to stopping a threat. Our Unified Conflict Management System uses consistent principles, tactics, and terminology that are simple, systematic, and universal in their application.

Everything DiSC: Behavior Styles at Work

September 22 from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

Have you ever wondered why some people just don't get you? Or ever thought "I cannot even begin to know what my boss needs - even when I ask, I am still not sure." Most of us have felt that way at one time or another! The good news is there's a simple tool designed to help you understand yourself AND other people too. Everything DiSC helps you build more effective working relationships based on an understanding of different behavioral styles.

Job Announcements

Technical Aide

Job # 725477

Bioinformatics Programmer

<https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/507571/technical-aide>

Technical Aide

Job # 694997

Potato Outreach Program Research Aide

<https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/505991/technical-aide>

Research Associate - Fixed Term

Job # 720593

The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications from outstanding candidates for a fixed term Research Associate position in the area of: Plant-Microbe Interactions, Bacteriology.

<https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/507496/research-associatefixed-term>

Research Associate - Fixed Term

Job # 717388

The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences at Michigan State University, in collaboration with the USDA Forest Services Northern Research Station, is seeking a highly motivated Research Associate for a project investigating interactions between biotic and abiotic controls on assisted migration in northern forests.

<https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/507365/research-associatefixed-term>

Assistant Professor - Tenure System

Job # 706037

The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications for a 9-month academic year, tenure-track Assistant Professor, in Soil Science with experience and special emphasis in soil genesis and classification.

<https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/506718/assistant-professortenure-system>

Research Associate - Fixed Term

Job # 700439

The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications from outstanding candidates for a fixed term Research Associate position in the area of plant responses to nutrient deficiency, with a main focus on phosphorus starvation.

<https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/506404/research-associatefixed-term>

Research Assistant II

Job # 691947

The Turfgrass program in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences at Michigan State University is seeking a highly motivated individual to work as a member of the Turfgrass research program.

<https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/504749/research-assistant-ii>

COVID-19 Updates

- All individuals are required to wear masks indoors beginning August 1st in all campus buildings and other MSU facilities in East Lansing and throughout the state. This requirement will be in place for at least the first weeks of the fall semester.
- All students, faculty and staff are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 with an FDA-authorized or WHO-approved vaccine by August 31st. Limited exemptions for medical or religious reasons will be provided.
- Students, faculty and staff will submit verification of their vaccination status using MSU's Vaccine Form, which will be made available to all students, faculty and staff in the coming weeks. During the verification process, students and employees will be asked to provide the dates of their vaccination, the manufacturer of the vaccine and the location where vaccines were administered.

Those who received one dose of a two-dose series are expected to complete their vaccination series according to the recommended schedule and must report when they have done so via the Vaccine Form. Additionally, those who are not fully vaccinated by Aug. 31, are required to participate in the [Early Detection Program](#) until they are fully vaccinated and follow the [Face Coverings Directive](#).

Due to the MSU indoors ask requirement, masks are required in MSU vehicles with more than one occupant, whether the vehicle is on or off campus. A vehicle is considered indoor space.

- The state of Michigan held a town hall for the state's Gen-Z population to help answer questions on the COVID-19 vaccine. Recent Spartan graduate, **Ally Telfor**, joined the panel. MSU encourages departments to share the [recording](#) of the town hall in communications to students.
- Offices that have student and public facing operations are expected to be staffed beginning August 16th.
- Consistent hand hygiene (cleaning and disinfection) is always a good practice.
- Information on building preparations, air circulation, cleaning protocols and other IPF building services can be found [here](#).
- MSU Returning To On-Site Work website [Coronavirus Updates \(msu.edu\)](#)

Travel

Travel Training with Christiina & AnnMarie
Wednesday, August 18, 2021, from 2:00-3:00 PM
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/91882837681>
Meeting ID: 918 8283 7681
Passcode: 507024

MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Request, Travel, Expense Session 1

https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Request+%7C+Travel+%7C+Expense/1_yj5018bi

MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Booking Travel and Triplt Pro App Session 2

https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Booking+Travel+and+Triplt+Pro+App/1_zy9owobv

MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Groups and Guests Tools Session 3

https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar-Guests+and+Groups/1_4r9e8ake\\

MSU's domestic travel policy has returned to normal. For international travel, the level of review is dependent on vaccination status. Please visit the [Office for Global Health, Safety and Security COVID webpage](#) for further guidance.

Download and view all of the **Concur User Training Guides** from this page:
<https://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNew/Guides.aspx>

Want the latest news in regard to travel and Concur? Register for the Travel Listserv at: https://ctrl.msu.edu/Join_Listserv.aspx?id=UNIVTVL

MSU's Travel Policy is published at: <http://ctrl.msu.edu/COMBP/mbp70ebs-July2019.aspx>

Assistance Resources

Travel policy and travel program support: travel@ctrl.msu.edu or 517-355-5000
Concur: concurhelp@msu.edu

Travel@State - Frequently Asked Questions

<https://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNew/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx>

New! PSM Staff will be holding office hours. Please see hours listed below.

PSM Chairperson

Brian Horgan	horganb@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
AnnMarie Guldner	guldner1@msu.edu	Assistant to the Department Chairperson	

PSM Accounting Team psm.accounting@msu.edu

Emily Williams	emilywil@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
	Office Hours:	Monday	10:00-11:00 AM
		Wednesday	2:30-3:30 PM
Lisa Bowen	bowenli1@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	7:00 AM-4:00 PM
	Office Hours:	Tuesday	1:00-2:00 PM
		Thursday	1:00-2:00 PM
Gina Centeno	centeno@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:15 AM - 2:30 PM
	Office Hours:	Tuesday	10:00-11:00 AM
		Wednesday	1:30-2:30 PM
Kim McClung	mcclungk@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	7:00 AM-4:00 PM
	Office Hours:	Tuesday	2:00-3:00 PM
		Thursday	10:00-11:00 AM

PSM Human Resources Team psm.hr@msu.edu

Hannah O'Mara	omarahan@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
	Office Hours:	Monday	10:00-11:00 AM
		Wednesday	2:30-3:30 PM
Jordan Davis	davis432@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
	Office Hours:	Tuesday	2:00-3:00 PM
		Thursday	3:00-4:00 PM
Christiina Donley	tymoszew@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
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Mackenzie Graham	graham2@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	7:00 AM-4:00 PM
	Office Hours:	Tuesday	1:00-2:00 PM
		Thursday	1:00-2:00 PM
AnnMarie Guldner	guldner1@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	7:30 AM-4:00 PM
	Office Hours:	Monday	2:00-3:00 PM
		Wednesday	9:00-10:00 AM

PSM IT Team

Dominic Colosimo	colosi14@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Lee Duynslager	duynslag@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-4:30 PM

MSU Academic Calendar

Summer 2021
August 19
Last Class Day

Full Session
Classes End
Final Exams

Summer 2021
August 19
Last Class Day

Session Two
Classes End
Final Exams

Fall 2021

September 1
September 6
October 20
October 25-26
November 25-26
December 12
December 13-17
December 24-27
December 17-18
Dec 31 - Jan 3

Classes Begin
Holiday - University Closed
Middle of Semester
Break Days
Holiday - University Closed
Classes End
Final Exams
Holiday - University Closed
Commencements
Holiday - University Closed

PSM Payroll Time Reporting

Due Date Reminders for **biweekly payroll** (includes labor and student)
Reminder: If your employee's time is not submitted, they will not be paid.

- For the August 27th pay date (for time worked from August 1-14) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 17th.
- For the September 10th pay date (for time worked from August 15-28) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 31st.
- For the September 24th pay date (for time worked from August 29-September 11) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, September 14th.

NEW! Payroll Assistance with Christiina at 12:00 PM on the following Mondays:

August 16, 23, 30
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

September 13, 20, 27
December 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98549666083>

Meeting ID: 985 4966 6083

Passcode: 001550

Newsletter Submissions

Send newsletter submissions to **AnnMarie Guldner** at guldner1@msu.edu
Deadline: Thursdays by 10:00 AM